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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of July 8, 1992, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

1. Restriction to the invention of either Group I, claims 1-20, or Group II, claims 21-24, was required. Applicants reaffirm without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group II, claims 21-24. This election is made without prejudice to Applicants' right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention of Group I, claims 1-20.

2. Claims 21-24 were rejected under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Burgess. The Examiner has asserted that it would have been obvious in view of Burgess to use a heterogeneous braid for a suture. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.